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## Impact of plant closing to be devastating

# Cost of GM lawsuit difficult to determine

by Aram Kalousdian  
Managing Editor

What are the costs and benefits in the lawsuit filed by Ypsilanti Township against General Motors over the closing of the Willow Run assembly plant?

"We can't know in advance what the cost of the lawsuit is going to be. It just isn't reasonable to think that you can put a cost on the lawsuit," says Ypsilanti Township Supervisor Westly Prater.

The township has not set any kind of limit as to what it is willing to spend on the lawsuit.

"Obviously, the township is not going to spend itself into bankruptcy. The township has to monitor its expenses. There is a litigation account set up for each budget year and you have to monitor that," says attorney Doug Winters of McLain & Winters, who is representing the township.

Ypsilanti Township is suing G.M. in an effort to keep the plant open. Over 18,000 jobs statewide, including 4,000 in the plant, will be lost over the three year time period as a result of the Willow Run plant closing, according to a study done by the Institute for Community and Regional Development at Eastern Michigan University.

The study projects that out of that 18,000 figure, 7,730 jobs will be lost in Washtenaw County over that same period. The Willow Run plant currently has a \$178 Million annual payroll. The average wage in the plant is \$35,000 to \$40,000 per year, according to Prater.

"How do you measure 18,000 jobs? How do you put a dollar figure on 18,000 jobs? How do you measure the loss of the quality of life? How do you figure out how Flint has been damaged by plant closings?" Winter says.

"The cost is enormous in terms of what it cost the state in terms of jobs, quality of life and the ability to attract new businesses. The loss is staggering with regard to what happens to a community as well as what's happening to this state," he adds.

"You can't separate a plant closing in Willow Run or Flint and isolate the closing from the rest of the state. The whole state is going to be suffering if those plants continue to close," Winters says.

The City of Flint recently settled a tax tribunal case with G.M. that ended up costing the city and surrounding tax units \$8 million. The case lasted from 1982 to 1992.

The case involved the Buick City Complex. Each year, beginning in 1982, G.M. appealed its tax assessment on the plant, asking for a lower assessment. The Board of Review in Flint continuously denied their petition to reduce their assessed value.

The company appealed that to the Michigan Tax Tribunal each year and all the those cases were consolidated for the trial. A compromise settlement was made. The amount of the settlement was not immediately available from Flint City Attorney Michael Joliat, when he was contacted by the Sun Times.

"The issues involved in the Ypsilanti Township case are substantially different then they were in the tax case, because in the tax case you have to retain outside consultants and experts," Joliat says.

"The folks in any city office lack the expertise to go in and properly determine the actual market value of these highly complex, automated assembly plants. Over a 10-year time period the plants change substantially," he adds.

"They try to be on the cutting edge of technology, so each time those

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Downtown merchants complain that EMU students leave class and head directly for the bus and rarely patronize their businesses.

## Merchants are mixed on Business College

by Naren Sinha  
Sun Times Special Writer

When the Gary Owen College of Business opened in January 1991, many downtown Ypsilanti business owners hoped for a boost in sales from the students and employees of the college.

Today, more than one and a half years later, local merchants are mixed on the impact made downtown by the Eastern Michigan University College of Business.

The college located on the corner of Adams Street and Michigan Avenue, presents a "tremendous potential to attract students downtown," according to Lori Ward, director of the Downtown Development Authority.

Some local business owners already have noticed an increase in business since the college opening.

Louis Roumanis, owner of Louis Cafe, said business has improved recently.

Roumanis said this increase is

mostly the result of the college's employees.

"We still have mostly faculty, but everyday more and more students are coming down...It's not as much business as I want but it does help me very much. I think I may be the only one though," Roumanis said.

Sioux Shelton, owner of Breakaway Travel, agrees with Roumanis. Shelton said the College of Business has had a positive effect on downtown merchants.

"If nothing else, the activity is great...They drive by everyday and one day I hope they stop," Shelton said.

Like Roumanis, Shelton said she has received most of her business from the employees of the college.

"The staff and faculty of the college have been very supportive of our agency," Shelton said.

While Roumanis and Shelton are pleased with the addition of the college downtown, other local merchants remain pessimistic.

Tandra Williams, whose husband owns Puffer Red Records and Boutique, said the college has not had a positive impact on downtown businesses.

"It really has had no effect on us in terms of sales."

The only impact I think it's had is that it's now harder to find a parking space downtown," Williams said.

Greg Batianis Jr. of the Wolverine Restaurant agrees with Williams.

"Business has been about equal, we've had a few students come by but we've also lost a few regulars because of parking," Batianis Jr. said.

Parking problems are understandable considering the number of students attending class at the College of Business.

According to Amelia Chan, assistant dean of the College of Business, there are approximately 3700 business majors and 800 graduate students attending classes at the college.

Downtown merchants should view the college and its students as a ben-

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## Uncertainty exists over Lincoln School budget

by Tim Russell  
Sun Times Special Writer

There is a level of uncertainty in the Lincoln Schools district since the defeat of the last millage renewal attempt, according to school officials.

Voters in the Lincoln school district struck down a millage renewal in June. The millage creates \$9.7 million for the district.

The millage renewal was to go into effect after the current school year ends in June.

"We still have the millage in place for this year, Lincoln business manager Joan Tucker said. "We were disappointed about the millage defeat. We hoped the voters would have saw fit to renew the millage."

"We have to have it (the millage increase)," Tucker said. "If it isn't passed, we have no millage. We can't

operate without it."

Lincoln is currently operating on a \$16 million budget. From the millage, the district receives \$9.7 million in taxpayers money. The remaining amount comes from state aid, which was cut this fiscal year.

New Lincoln schools superintendent Tom McDougall says that any future plans concerning the school will be held in abeyance until after the November elections. McDougall was named superintendent in June after the millage renewal was defeated. He was not part of the millage renewal campaign.

"I was not part of the decision-making process concerning the renewal vote," he said. "I knew that the vote was part of the Headlee Override bill."

Two statewide proposals on the November general election ballot

could help decide what course of action Lincoln's school board would have to take.

Proposal A is the cut-and-cap issue. Proposal B is the HRJ proposal. Lincoln officials will wait until after the two issues are decided to plan a course of action. Other issues that also could make an impact are school and other tax reforms.

"We will definitely have to do something, if the renewal is not passed," McDougall said. "We can't exist on just the state aid we receive."

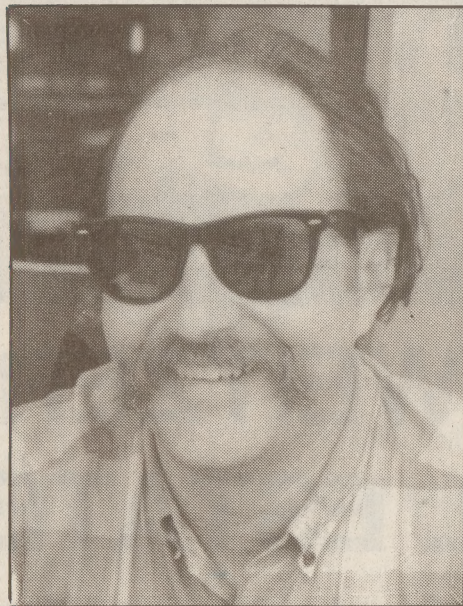
There are still many options that the school district has. First, Lincoln will try again to get the millage renewal passed. The date has not been set.

"It could be in during November election, or at the annual school board elections in June," Trucker said. "Or

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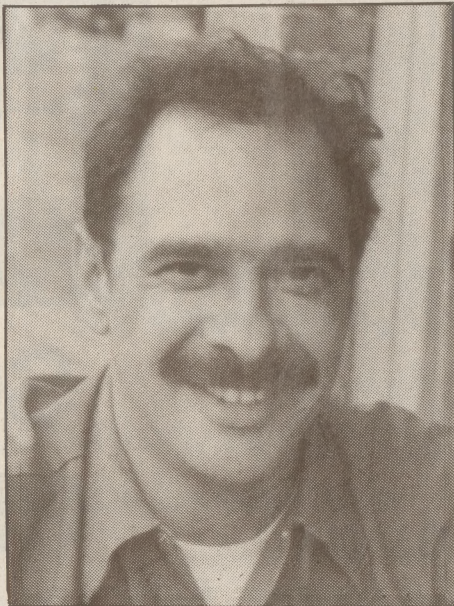
## speak your mind

by Hava Gurevich



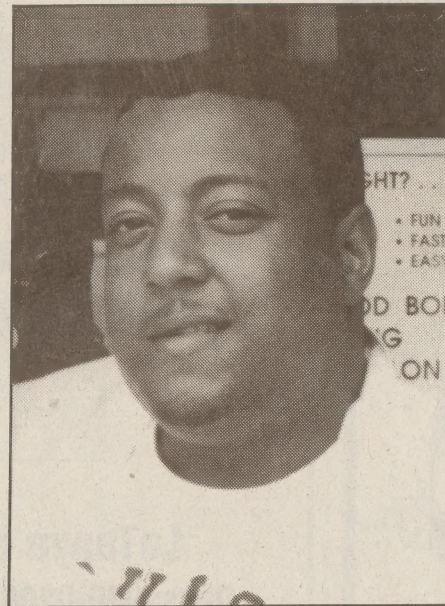
No. The township has written a blank check to the attorneys! General Motors has more power (lawyers), it's a waste of time and money.

Henry Gerst  
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Missy Siudara  
The Food Gatherers

Do you think Ypsilanti Township should sue General Motors over the closing of the Willow Run assembly plant?



# Donna Franklin appointed Dean of Washtenaw

Donna Franklin was appointed Dean of Academic and Student Services at Cleary College's Washtenaw Campus effective June 1, 1992. As Dean, Franklin is responsible for directing and overseeing all campus operations, including academic scheduling, student services, academic records, and student recruitment and retention.

Just prior to her appointment to the Dean's position, Franklin was the Director of Student Services for Cleary.

Franklin currently resides in Dexter with her two children, Erin and Andrew Hodgood.

A long-time employee of the Ypsilanti Public Schools, Franklin was credited with establishing an academic support center at Cleary College in 1983, which was supported by the Ypsilanti School District's Adult Education Administration. Franklin also supervised a similar operation on the campus of Eastern Michigan University.

Franklin received her B.A. from South Dakota State University and her M.Ed. from Wayne State University. Throughout her career, she has held a variety of positions in the area of educating adults, including five years at the United States Rhein-Main Air Force Base in Germany, where she headed the career programs at the base Education Center.

Cleary College, an independent four-year college of business founded in 1883, is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. With campus locations in Ypsilanti and Howell, Cleary prepares students in southeastern Michigan for business careers, offering programs in management, marketing, accounting, total quality management and information systems; as well as a one-year BBA completion program for qualified applicants.

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## spotlight on health

### New Surgical Procedure Benefits Women



**Surgical breakthrough.** A new, minimally invasive surgical technique is sending a growing number of women home within two days of a hysterectomy.

A growing number of the more than 650,000 American women who have hysterectomies (surgical removal of the uterus) every year, are benefitting from a new, minimally invasive surgical technique that dramatically reduces hospital stay, pain, scarring, recuperative time and costs for many patients.

Called Laparoscopically Assisted Vaginal Hysterectomy, or LAVH, the new procedure is gaining acceptance among surgeons and patients because of a new instrument developed by United States Surgical Corporation. In addition to serving as the surgeon's scalpel, the instrument simultaneously seals each edge of the cut tissue with three rows of tiny surgical staples, reducing blood loss and tissue trauma and eliminating the need for tedious hand sewing.

Like other laparoscopic surgery, LAVH is performed through tiny incisions using specialized surgical instru-

ments. The surgeon views a magnified image of a patient's internal organs on a video monitor via a laparoscope—a tiny telescope connected to a camera.

Until recently, abdominal hysterectomy patients faced a hospital stay of nearly a week, up to six weeks of painful recovery and were left with an unsightly four-to-six inch scar. In contrast, most women who undergo LAVH can leave the hospital within two days following surgery, have minimal pain, only 3-4 tiny marks and return to their normal activities in a week or two.

Laparoscopy was pioneered by gynecologists in the 1960s and is currently used for appendectomy, hernia repair, lung and bowel surgery and a broad range of gynecological procedures. Nearly 80% of all gallbladder surgery is done this way.

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# Congressional candidate opposes Trade Agreement

by Aram Kalousdian  
Managing Editor

Randall F. Roe, 32, of Ypsilanti is an independent candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives from the 13th District and is making a strong stand against the North American Free Trade Agreement.

"I am absolutely, positively opposed to it. I think that our future and the future of our children are being given away as America throws its borders open to cheap labor and imports," Roe says.

"Business investments into manufacturing equipment will shift to Mexico leaving American workers with old machinery and unable to compete. America cannot afford this at this time," he adds.

"If we are to enter a North American Free Trade Agreement or a new world order per se, it should be as leaders with our standard of living, the American standard of living, intact. Not merely as part of a scheme at the expense of lowering our status to third world standards," he says.

He feels that the government should increase import tariffs in order to protect U.S. industry and manufacturing base to be destroyed. The government's role must focus on eliminating unfair trade practices and I think import tariffs must be increased in order to level the playing field," Roe says.

"I also feel that laws must be put in place to stop lobbyist groups who serve foreign competitors business interests. Many trade laws need to be rescinded that are unfair to our manufacturing base," he says.

Roe is opposed to the closing of the Willow Run General Motors Assembly plant and feels that the state government in Lansing should have intervened to save the plant and other

auto jobs in Michigan.

He says that there are other options for the Willow Run plant.

"As a matter of alternatives, the re-manufacturing business for transmissions and engines is one option. Rejuvenating the plant and changing it over for the assembly of Saturn products is another option," Roe says.

I believe that if it should be converted to a Saturn plant that it should follow current and existing union practices. It should not be used as an attempt to gut the local contract. There currently is a difference in benefits for those who work at Saturn as opposed to those who are working here in Michigan under the U.A.W. contract, Roe points out.

On the tax issue, Roe is opposed to any tax hike to cut the federal deficit.

"I propose to reduce the size of several federal bureaus, stop foreign aid coin and mint our currency as mandated in the Constitution, drastically reduce expenditures for national defense and return to the gold standard," he explains. He does not favor a cut in the capital gains tax.

In explaining his position on cutting foreign aid, he says that the government must consider the needs of American citizens first.

"Once you are able to cut some of those expenditures in effect what we're going to be able to do is to take some of the interest that we are paying on the national debt and put it to productive use," he says.

"I think this money should be available for providing tax credits, low interest rates and reduce taxes to stimulate small business starts," Roe adds.

Roe proposes a flat tax rate on U.S. citizens of eight percent after deductions. Others will be taxed at a much higher rate which will not exceed 60

percent.

Another part of his tax proposal includes a one year federal tax exemption for any citizen with a high school diploma who is under 30 years old. That exemption can be taken any year before their 30th birthday.

Any citizen with a four year college degree can choose to be tax exempt for any three consecutive years before their 30th birthday.

On the education issue, Roe says that the states should establish a standard in order to measure the quality of their establish a standard in order to measure the quality of their educational programs. Local authorities must control the finances of their districts and administrative bureaucracy must be drastically reduced.

Roe favors schools of choice.

"I think we need to improve our schools in a wholesome fashion and throwing money at the problem is not the answer," Roe says. He is opposed to public funding of private schools and is also opposed to taking money from wealthier school districts and distributing it to poorer school districts.

"I do favor teacher competency tests and I also propose frequent classroom observations by mixed groups that would include parents, community leaders, administration members, board members and even a congressman," he says.

On the crime issue, Roe favors capital punishment. "we must keep illegal drug selling in the category of being a capital crime. We must increase substance abuse programs and drug testing in our schools. Parents must know when and if their children are using drugs," he points out.

"I personally favor preventive programs that reduce the need for more



Candidate Randall Roe

prisons, however we must also increase punishment as criminals no longer fear retribution," he adds.

He says that we must maintain highly effective educational programs in the schools that will sensitize students to the punishment for all crimes.

He is pro-choice on the abortion issue. There has been a proposal for the state to provide a 24 hour waiting period and require women to look at photos of fetuses before having an abortion.

"I say no, it should not be mandatory. Information must be available, but not mandatory," Roe says.

Roe favors a health care system of national scope.

"The statistics show that one out of every seven Americans are shut out of the system with no health insurance at all. I propose a program that

will cover all that are without health insurance using only the savings incurred after strict reform," he says.

"The money will come from eliminating useless harmful surgeries, unnecessary procedures that doctors use to avoid malpractice lawsuits which are very, very costly and a bloated bureaucracy," he adds.

"I propose that the program be owned privately permitting public investment and monitored by the government, but not controlled by the government. All employers should be forced to provide employees with a generic minimum of health insurance," Roe says.

Roe feels that jobs should take priority over environmental concerns.

"We need to be firm with (environmental) enforcement and utilize our technologies appropriately," he says.

"Right here in Ypsilanti we are basically importing toxic waste. I say we must stop permitting Ypsilanti to be a dumping ground for toxic waste.

Roe favors recycling as a solution to the waste problem. "We must recognize high quality recycled products and promote them to increase consumer purchases," Roe points out.

In the area of national defense, Roe says that past leaders have not been honest about threats to security. "We have spent trillions of dollars for defense. There's a lot of money in war. The arms business is very lucrative," Roe says.

"It's obvious that while there are perhaps wolves still out there, that the bears are pretty much eliminated. I think that we can, at this time, safely, strategically, reduce our expenditures for defense without jeopardizing our ability to defend our country," he points out.

"There are always adversities that we encounter whenever other countries go to war. We must continue to preserve, protect and extenuate the values of democracy. However, I caution that we do not enter a war spending trillions of dollars, providing big companies with big profits and taking American lives for no benefit and for no nationalistic purpose," Roe says.

Roe wants to remedy the "notch gap" in the Social Security system. This concerns a 1977 law which adversely affects benefits to those persons born between 1917 and 1926 and hits particularly hard on those born between 1917 and 1921. He wants to pay for the increase in benefits to those adversely affected by the law, by "cleaning up the system."

"I want to stop paying Social Security to those in prison and to drug addicts. We must clean up the system. We must make it a clear use to those

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photo by Hava Gurevich

Charles Smith, Augusta Township Supervisor was the first to speak at the public hearing concerning the old Arkona Road landfill cleanup in Augusta Township. The hearing was held on Tuesday, September 15 at Lincoln High School. The hearing attendance was estimated at six thousand. Opposition to Augusta Development Corporation's plan to cap the landfill was very strong.

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# Lincoln Schools



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the school board could hold a special election sometime in the future."

School officials are not worrying yet about cuts, since there still will be another attempt to get the millage renewed, Tucker said.

If the millage is not renewed after future attempts, then the school board will be forced to take action.

If the millage is not renewed, the school board would have to make a decision concerning the 1993-94 school year.

"We could start the year and keep going until the funds run out," Tucker said. "But it wouldn't be very long before those funds would run out. Another decision would be to not open the doors at all.

"We have a lot of options we would have to decide on. The Board hasn't discussed any of these decisions yet."

The Lincoln school board meets on the third Monday of each Month.

"We will not discuss the millage renewal issue at all this month," Tucker said. "It hasn't been put on the agenda and I don't expect it will."

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For a free copy of "Safe and Sound For Baby", advice from the Juvenile Products Manufacturers Association, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to JPMA, Box 955, Marlton, NJ 08053.

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## Older Americans Can Get The Facts About Cancer Tests In A New NCI Booklet

One-half of all cancers occur in people age 65 and older, making screening tests crucial to detect cancer in its earliest, most treatable stages. A new 16-page booklet from the National Cancer Institute (NCI) describes these early detection screening tests and their importance for the 32 million people who fall into the 65+ age group and make up the fastest growing segment of the U.S. population.

The booklet, "Cancer Tests You Should Know About: A Guide for People 65 and Over," is now available free of charge through NCI's Cancer Information Service (1-800-4-CANCER). The booklet was created by NCI in collaboration with the National Institute on Aging and the Centers for Disease Control.

Because most types of cancer do not cause any symptoms or pain in their early stages, they often go undetected. That's why it is vital to be tested on a regular basis. Most cancer tests such as mammograms, Pap tests and prostate exams are quick and easy, and can be done right in the doctor's office.

The majority of people who are tested do not have cancer. But for those who do, early detection can significantly increase their chances of surviving it.

The NCI booklet offers two fold-out checklists—one for men and one for women—to help keep track of which screening tests are recommended and how often they should be performed. The booklet also provides a detailed description of each test and the procedure involved.

According to NCI, women 65 and over should have an annual breast exam at the doctor's office and a mammogram. NCI also encourages women to practice monthly breast self-exams. In addition, women should have a pelvic exam and Pap smear as prescribed by their doctor.

Both men and women should have their doctors perform a rectal exam and guaiac stool test each year, and a sigmoidoscopy or "procto" every three to five years. Screening tests may need to be performed more often if there are other medical conditions or if there is a family history of particular cancers. A physician can best give advice in these circumstances.

For a free copy of the brochure and other information about cancer, call the Cancer Information Service toll-free at 1-800-4-CANCER (1-800-422-6237).



# Merchants mixed

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efit, not a detriment, to their businesses according to Ward.

"There is a tremendous opportunity to take advantage of the student population in Ypsilanti. There is a tremendous market open for us," Ward said.

According to Ward, the DDA has hired Hyett Palma Inc., a Washington, D.C. based consulting firm, to develop a business and marketing plan for downtown Ypsilanti.

Recently, the DDA surveyed Ypsilanti and Ypsilanti Township and found out students make up more than 41 percent of the total population.

"I don't think anybody had the idea that students made up such a large percentage of the general population."

"We need to address their needs more," Ward said.

Judy Lajoie, president of the Central Business Community, an organization of the merchants and service organizations in the downtown area, agrees.

"Some of the businesses downtown currently are really not geared toward students," Lajoie said.

Lajoie points out, however, that even some student-geared businesses have failed.

Maria's Yogurt closed this summer despite its appeal to students and its location, across from the College of Business.

"We really thought she'd do well down there, especially with the lunch crowd. It just didn't fly," Lajoie said.

However, Ward said businesses are still very interested in opening stores in the downtown area.

## Lawsuit

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changes come in, you need someone who is an expert in the field for power plants, heating and ventilation, structural steel, computer control assembly, all of those things," he says.

"The assessors, consultants, appraisers and those experts are what really drive up the cost of a tax tribunal case. You wouldn't have those experts in a case like Ypsilanti Township has, because that's primarily a contract case. The township is saying that G.M. breached their contract," Joliat says.

Joliat says that he doesn't think the Ypsilanti Township case will take as long because part of what made the Flint-G.M. case stretch out is each year there is a new year you have to factor into the equation. G.M. will not comment on any litigation expenses it has incurred in either the Flint or Ypsilanti Township cases.

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Hyett Palma's documents may be completed by the end of September, according to Ward. Ward said a town meeting will be set up to discuss the findings.

"We will be presenting the recommendations in a public forum as quickly as we can after we get the document," Ward said.

## Against Free Trade

who are deserving of it," he says. "Further, I propose to stop allowing Congress to borrow the funds and use them for things they were never designed to be used for. The federal deficit is currently being masked by covering it with the Social Security fund which is termed as an asset. Because it is being termed as an asset it is also being borrowed off of," Roe adds.

Roe does not favor government subsidies for day care. He is not opposed to increasing the quality and efficiency of day care.

He favors protection against discrimination of homosexuals, however, he opposes entitlements. He does not believe that Gay couples should be allowed to marry and have spousal rights. "When you're looking at marrying and having spousal rights, what we're doing is moving away from the values that have built America and made it strong. It complicates the entire process. America is not ready to allow Gay couples to marry and have spousal rights. That's not in our culture," he says.

Roe wants to remove barriers to improve race relations. "The way which I would propose in improving racial understanding and tolerance in this district and the community, is to remove as many social, political, economic and racial barriers as possible. I will inform the public as to how much profit is involved in promoting racism. I say that we must stop being tricked into the divide and conquer game, that we must do what is right, not what is black or white," Roe says.

"The divide and conquer game that we are being placed into is basically a result of the wealthy that continue to divide racists and use them for deniability and excuses that allow them to become wealthier. Allowing job opportunities to leave because whites and blacks just can't get along Roe points out. Whites and blacks in the working class must see themselves as victims of the same crime," he adds.

Roe says he will propose federal legislation to permanently terminate the employment of law enforcement officers that are guilty of police brutality. "The discrepancies with the administration of justice in this country, must be corrected," he says.

Roe was born in Ypsilanti and has lived in Ypsilanti all of his life. He holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from Eastern Michigan University and is currently employed at General Motors. He is completing a master's degree in manufacturing management at General Motors Institute.



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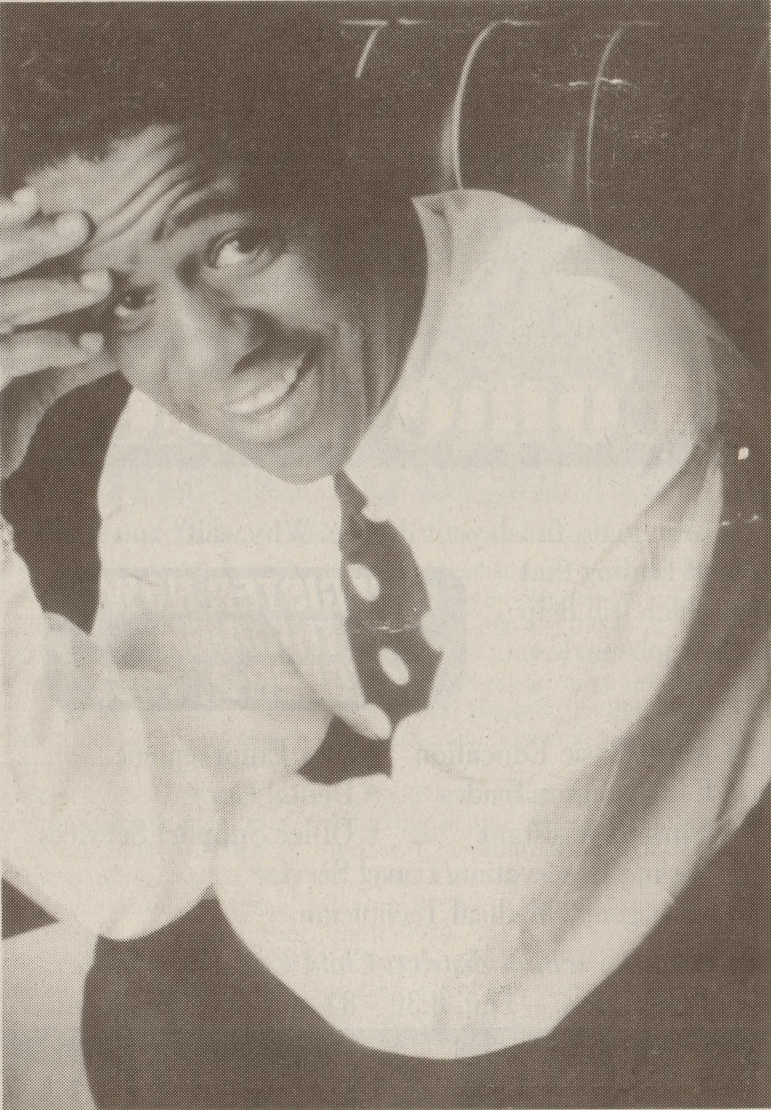


# Ann Arbor blues and Jazz Festival rated World class

by Alan Goldsmith  
Sun Times Special Writer

ally acclaimed A2 Blues and Jazz Festival last weekend.

This year marked the 20th anniversary of the original festival, which thing, the weather was perfect, and the fell victim to political and financial music was world class as Ann Arbor re-woes in the early 1970s. Miles Davis, established itself as a blues and jazz hot John Lee Hooker, Ray Charles, and spot with the return of the international scores of other blues and jazz legends



Al Green

performed during the short lived original series which ran from 1972 to 1974. This time around local concert promoter Prism Productions teamed up with fest originator Peter Andrews to present a weekend of hot blues boppin' jazz.

Thing kicked off with a "Woman Of The Blues" night at Crisler Arena with Grammy Award winner Bonnie Raitt. Now a superstar, Raitt played the 1972 show with her mentor,

the late Sippie Wallace, and returned to show she hasn't forgotten her roots.

The singer performed a powerful set of blues rooted originals from her last two albums, as well as covers by the likes of Bob Seger and James Taylor. She still sings the Wallace classic, "Women Be Wise", which Sippie originally recorded back in the 1920s. Dressed in sequins and feather boa, cajun-born blues pianist Katie Webster sang a set of church inspired soul tunes, some of which came from her latest recording, "No Foolin'".

The Detroit based Chisel Brothers, a sixties grounded, soul band fronted by Thornetta Davis (who was inspired by singer Etta James) almost stole the night with a short set of Stax/Volt style rhythm and blues that brought to mind Aretha Franklin in her younger days.

On Saturday and Sunday, it was over to Gallup Park for a weekend of music by the Huron River.

The highlight of the festival was the closing set by soul/gospel singer Al Green. Backed by an eleven piece, full force soul band, including three



Katie Webster

back up singers, Green and the entire audience dancing, waving hands in the air, and singing along with an unforgettable string of songs from his gospel side to his old, sweaty soul classics like "Take Me To The River", and "Tired Of Being Alone". While the band blazed away, Green tossed roses to the crowd, threw in bits from the Temptations, the Staple Singers, and Otis Redding and nearly had people passing out from heat exhaustion. After a killer version of "Dock Of The Bay" Green was gone, and the 1992 Ann Arbor Blues and Jazz Festival was history.

The Promoters promise a return in 1993, but this year, with the cross cultured mix of jazz, urban and country blues, and gospel will be hard to top.


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Treasures Resale, which is also located in Depot town specialized in custom alterations, bridal wear, original designs and an Ethnic Boutik when they expanded a few months ago to add vintage clothes to their collection. This original embroidered Makeba dress, that costs \$55 is imported from Nigeria and so is the multistrand wooden bead necklace at \$30. The bracelets in natural and colored wood are locally made by Marietta Cook and can also be found at Treasures.

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# SUN TIMES

## sports

## BRAVES HOOPSTER NAOMI WHITE HONORED

by Phil Komar  
Sun Times Sports Writer

Naomi White, a senior captain on the Ypsilanti Braves girls basketball team, is the Ypsilanti Sun Times' High School Student Athlete of the Week.

White led the Braves to their first victory of the season against Highland Park Thursday, September 10, pouring in a team-high 22 points and grabbing ten rebounds.

"Naomi played a super game against Highland Park," first-year Ypsilanti coach Colleen Greene said. "She's helped us shut down Highland Park in the second half to pick up the win. I'm real excited for her and the team."

From her forward position, White made ten shots from the floor and was two of four from the free throw line. It was White's hot scoring hand that allowed the Braves to pull away from the Polar Bears in the third quarter after trailing by two points at the half.

"It was my lifetime high in scoring," White said. "The whole game was a team effort, though. We didn't win just because of my scoring. We won because we played as a team." Her previous career high was 13 points.

White, on the varsity since team since her sophomore year, matched Highland Park's scoring sensation Chaga Alberty basket-for-basket in Ypsilanti's exciting win. Wearing

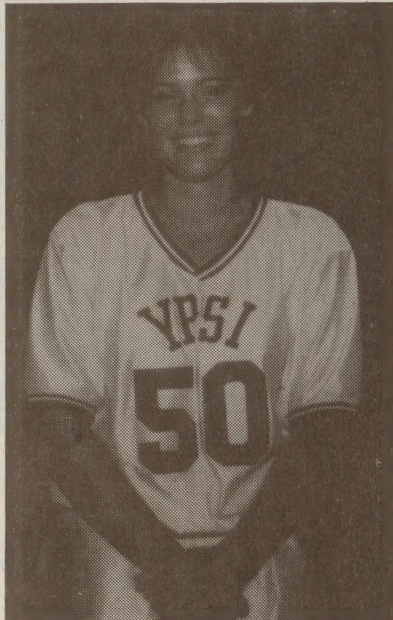
number 50 for the Braves, White is averaging 9.6 points per game.

Off the basketball court White is also a solid player for the Braves volleyball squad from her strong side position. Last fall she also did some swimming for Ypsilanti's girls team. That's not the case this year, however.

"She (Coach Greene) works us too hard," White said "I need time to study and catch up on my rest when I can."

In the classroom White also stands out. A member of the National Honor Society, White sports a 3.7 grade point average. After graduation next spring White is planning on attending Eastern Michigan University.

"I'd like to get a double major in



Naomi White

English Literature and Fine Arts with a minor in coaching," she explains. "I'd also like to play volleyball for Eastern."

Her goals for the remainder of the Braves season are direct. "I want to have a good time, play as a team and get along. It's more important to me for everyone to enjoy playing together than it is to win games."

## BRAVES FALL TO BROTHER RICE

by Phil Komar  
Sun Times Sport writer

It's not hard to see why Ypsilanti and Brimingham Brother Rice are two of the top prep football teams in Class A. Despite losing 17-7 to Brother Rice Saturday, September 12, Ypsilanti played like a team capable of going far in the state playoffs.

The Ypsilanti-Brother Rice contest is quickly growing into one of Michigan's best non-conference rivalries. Last year in the state semifinals the Braves suffered a heartbreaking 21-14 defeat in triple overtime to the Warriors. It was one of the most exciting prep football

games in state history.

The setting was a little different this year. Losing would not mean an end to the season and winning would not qualify a date in the state championship contest. The biggest things on the line were a lot of pride and playoff qualification points.

Brother Rice got on the scoreboard first when its opening drive resulted in a 41-yard field goal by Mike Rushwin. After Rushwin's kick split the uprights the defenses took control for the remainder of the first half. Ypsilanti trailed at the half 3-0.

An inspired Braves squad came out flying in the third quarter. Their enthusiasm payed off when junior

running back Trevor Heyward plugged into the end zone on touchdown runs of 10 and 14 yards to lead the Warriors to victory. Harvey's first touchdown run came in the third quarter and gave the Warriors the lead for good. His fourth quarter 14-yard run sealed the win.

The loss shouldn't hurt Ypsilanti's quest for a third-straight playoff appearance. Last year the Braves qualified for post-season play with a 7-2 record.

Ypsilanti opened the 1992 football campaign with a 38-0 win over Lansing Eastern Friday, September 4 at home.

The Braves next contest is against Lorain High School in Ohio. Coach

Bill Kohn's squad will return September 25 to play Clarkston in their homecoming contest.

Led by an experienced offensive line, which returns four starters, the Braves are looking for another solid season.

Ypsilanti has won the South Central Conference the last three years. The 1992 season should prove to be one of the most competitive years in conference play as all four teams are capable of having strong seasons. It appears the Braves' toughest league contest will be against Adrian. The Maples are rated highly in most state polls. Ypsilanti has the schedule on its side, however, as the Braves will host Adrian October 2.

## Wiards Orchard offers fun for the whole family

by Anne Marty  
Sun Times Special Writer

If you're looking for an alternative to movies or the bar scene, why not try visiting Wiard's Orchards in Ypsilanti Township?

Fall is Wiard's busiest season, and in response, the 139-year-old establishment beefs up its activities in an effort to please people of all ages.

Oh, sure, the mainstays, open seven days, are still there: the butcher shop, featuring fresh meats; the cider mill, which produces apple cider and vinegar; and the farm market, which sells baked goods, apples, vegetables and over 70 varieties of cheese. But every Saturday and Sunday in September and October Wiard's hosts a Country Fair with activities for everyone.

The featured event for the weekend of Sept. 19-20 is Firefighters Field Days, an exhibition of fire and rescue equipment, competition, and the ever-popular water games (what else would firefighters like to do in their spare

time, but play with the hoses?). The free event will last from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m.

If smaller, hand-made items are more to your liking, the Fair also has a juried arts and crafts show each weekend. More information about booth rentals is available by calling Wiard's at 482-7744.

And no country fair world be complete without music, so Wiard's provides two locations for potential toe-tappers, Waco Country, featuring country music, will take the stage Sept. 19-20, while Dwight Carroll will sing easy listening songs from the bandshell near the storefront. The musicians will provide the entertainment, free, from noon until 6 p.m.

If you'd rather kick-back in the orchard, or take home some fresh fruits or vegetables Wiard's is still offering U-Pick apples and, beginning Oct. 3, pumpkins. During the Country Fair, free wagon rides are available for U-Pick customers.

Another big hit with the kids are the rides. Wiard's sells tokens which cover pony rides, fire engine rides, kiddie apple train rides, and full-scale train rides on the Cannonball.

Provided you still have an appetite, don't forget to sample the food, which is made on the premises. Choose from barbequed beef, bratwurst,

hamburgers, hot dogs, pizza, subs, and sausages, just to name a few. And, of course, it just wouldn't be a REAL country fair without cider, doughnuts and caramel apples.

Admission to the Country Fair is free (except the games and activities which require tokens). A \$3 requested donation for parking partially supports the Michigan Transplant House at the U-M Hospital and the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity at EMU.

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